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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

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AMENDMENTS

X If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.

Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5 and 6 and add new claims 9, 10, 11 and 12 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version attached hereto as Appendix A. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to change the multiple dependent claims to single dependent claims in order to reduce the government filing fee.

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APPENDIX A

"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

CLAIMS (with indication of amended or new):

- 3. (Amended) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 1, wherein the FAX data demodulation processing means includes a delay means for delaying the input signal for a time necessary for the signal identification in the signal identification means according to the allotment control data, a FAX data demodulation means for demodulating the FAX data signal with a pertinent demodulation circuit selected according to the allotment control data and outputting a FAX data demodulation signal, and a FAX data transmission means for rearranging the FAX data demodulation signal according to the allotment control data and outputting the FAX transmission signal.
- 4. (Amended) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 1, wherein the FAX data remodulation processing means includes a FAX data transmission means for rearranging the FAX data transmission signal according to the distribution control data and outputting the FAX demodulation signal, and a FAX data remodulation means for remodulating the FAX data demodulation signal according to the distribution control data.
- 5. (Amended) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 1, wherein the voice/data allotment data and the FAX data allotment data are transmitted mutually between the FAX data allotment control means and the voice/data allotment control means for outputting allotment control data corresponding to the voice/data signal.
- 6. (Amended) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 1, wherein the FAX data control signal is branched from the FAX data allotment signal reception means in the reception side and transmitted via the signal identification means in the transmission side to the FAX data allotment control means to let the FAX data allotment control

means output the allotment control data according to the FAX data identification signal and the FAX data control signal.

- 9. (New) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 2, wherein the FAX data demodulation processing means includes a delay means for delaying the input signal for a time necessary for the signal identification in the signal identification means according to the allotment control data, a FAX data demodulation means for demodulating the FAX data signal with a pertinent demodulation circuit selected according to the allotment control data and outputting a FAX data demodulation signal, and a FAX data transmission means for rearranging the FAX data demodulation signal according to the allotment control data and outputting the FAX transmission signal.
- 10. (New) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 2, wherein the FAX data remodulation processing means includes a FAX data transmission means for rearranging the FAX data transmission signal according to the distribution control data and outputting the FAX demodulation signal, and a FAX data remodulation means for remodulating the FAX data demodulation signal according to the distribution control data.
- 11. (New) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 2, wherein the voice/data allotment data and the FAX data allotment data are transmitted mutually between the FAX data allotment control means and the voice/data allotment control means for outputting allotment control data corresponding to the voice/data signal.
- 12. (New) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 2, wherein the FAX data control signal is branched from the FAX data allotment signal reception means in the reception side and transmitted via the signal identification means in the transmission side to the FAX data allotment control means to let the FAX data allotment control means output the allotment control data according to the FAX data identification signal and the FAX data control signal.

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APPENDIX B

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

CLAIMS:

- 3. (Amended) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the FAX data demodulation processing means includes a delay means for delaying the input signal for a time necessary for the signal identification in the signal identification means according to the allotment control data, a FAX data demodulation means for demodulating the FAX data signal with a pertinent demodulation circuit selected according to the allotment control data and outputting a FAX data demodulation signal, and a FAX data transmission means for rearranging the FAX data demodulation signal according to the allotment control data and outputting the FAX transmission signal.
- 4. (Amended) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the FAX data remodulation processing means includes a FAX data transmission means for rearranging the FAX data transmission signal according to the distribution control data and outputting the FAX demodulation signal, and a FAX data remodulation means for remodulating the FAX data demodulation signal according to the distribution control data.
- 5. (Amended) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the voice/data allotment data and the FAX data allotment data are transmitted mutually between the FAX data allotment control means and the voice/data allotment control means for outputting allotment control data corresponding to the voice/data signal.
- 6. (Amended) The facsimile signal transmission system according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the FAX data control signal is branched from the FAX data allotment signal reception means in the reception side and transmitted via the signal identification means in the transmission side to the FAX data allotment control means to let the FAX data allotment control

means output the allotment control data according to the FAX data identification signal and the FAX data control signal.

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